

Serial No.: 10/050,439
Examiner: Ronald B. Abelson

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant has amended the specification as requested by the Examiner.

Claims 1-3, 6-9, 11-16, 18, 20-27, 29, 30, 33, 35 remain in this application, with claims 1, 7, 13, 18, 23, 30, 33 and 35 being independent claims. Claims 4, 5, 10, 17, 19, 28, 31, 32, 34, 36 and 37 have been canceled. Claims 1, 7, 13, 18, 23, 30, 33 and 35 have been amended.

The Examiner has objected to claims 5, 10, 17, 19, 28, 31, 34 and 36 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has substantially amended the existing independent claims to include the limitations of the objected claims. Applicant respectfully asserts that the claims as now presented are in condition for allowance.

It is believed that the foregoing amendment places the Application in condition for allowance; therefore, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection of the claims, and full allowance of same. Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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